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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit: 2876 :
Examiner: Taylor, A. :
In re application of: : OPTICAL SMART CARD SYSTEM,
Norton, Stephen P. : APPARATUS AND METHOD
Serial No. 10/600,275 : Group No. 2800
Filed: June 20, 2003 :

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

May 17, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2004. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment and remarks place this application in condition for allowance.

Claims 22-31, 34, 38-42, 45 and 47 are amended. Claims 33, 36, 37, and 49 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein and applicant reserves the right to claim the subject matter at a later time. Claims 22-32, 34, 35, 38-48, and 50-52 remain pending in this application. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and further examination of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.